

UTAH EDUCATION AND TELEHEALTH NETWORK BUDGET SUMMARY

INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF: MADDY ORITT AND THOMAS YOUNG

ISSUE BRIEF

OVERVIEW

The Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN) provides broadband Internet connections, application services, and support services to public schools, colleges, universities, libraries, head starts, charter schools, and medical providers offering telehealth.

Among the cost components is delivering video conferencing and other technology tools for distance-based learning, and expansion and operations of telecommunications infrastructure.

SUMMARY OF NEW FUNDING REQUESTS

Item Name	Financing Source	FY 2022 ongoing	FY 2022 one-time	Detail
Statewide network equipment	Education Fund	\$3,000,000		Restore base budget
Operational costs and service expansion	Education Fund	\$2,371,800		Restore base budget
Flexible increase for institutional priorities	Education Fund	\$330,000		Cost of living adjustment (COLA) of 3%
Health insurance increase	Education Fund	\$63,200		4.3% increase
Operational costs and service expansion	Education Fund	\$463,700	\$643,500	Provision of wide-area network circuits and internet connectivity for 25 new and upgrading 565 Utah public school location sites from 1 Gbps to 10 Gbps; upgrade four network backbone paths to 100 Gbps